

31 October 1955

MEMORANDUM FOR: Colonel White

SUBJECT : Redelegations of Authority to Perform Functions
Delegated to Agency Officials

1. The Deputy Comptroller, in a memorandum dated 22 August 1955 (TAB I), questioned the necessity for the continued use of the phrase "or his designee" after the identification of officials in Regulations which required the officials to assume responsibility or carry out some action.

2. The Chief, Regulations Control Staff forwarded a recommendation (TAB II) that you direct his Staff to "omit references to designees in proposed regulatory issuances except in those cases where delegations of authority are not permitted."

25X1A 3. The General Counsel, in TAB III, considered the proposition and feels that ". . . . such a policy would clarify an area of present ambiguity." It was also pointed out that if Regulation No. [] were changed as requested by the Deputy Comptroller, this might have the effect of permitting certain authorities to be re-delegated which the Deputy Director (Support) had not intended to be redelegable at the time the previous Regulations had been authenticated.

4. To accomplish the desired result in the future and to prevent an inadvertent disturbing of certain authorities in the past, the Regulations Control Staff has developed a proposed memorandum (TAB IV) to be forwarded to the DD/I, the DD/P and Office Heads under the DD/S. This memorandum advises that in the future the phrase "or his designee" would be used only to delegate specific authority to single individuals. Regulations already published which contain this phrase would be reviewed, when coming up for revision or for other purposes, to see whether the phrase may properly be dropped and still carry out your intent.

5. I recommend that you concur in the issuance of the attached proposed memorandum, and if you agree, I will have the necessary copies prepared for your signature.

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